County Facts: Lauderdale County, MS
Population 76,000

The Local Economy

Unemployment rate 5.4% 5.1% 4.4%
Poverty rate 21.9% 22.2% 15.1%
Median family income (000s) $57 $42 $40
Population growth 2000-2017 16% 5% -3%
Manufacturing share of workforce 13% 9% 10%
Farming share of workforce 2.3% 1.7% 1.7%
Great Recession unemployment spike (pp) 4.7% 3.6% 3.6%

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

Percent graduating any college 44% 41% 14%
Percent reaching upper-middle class 46% 13% 6%
Percent achieving American Dream 20% 6% 6%
Percent giving birth as a teen 10% 30% 20%
Percent landing in jail 32% 2.7% 1.9%
Local school expenditure per student (000s) $6.4 $4.5 $4.3

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Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

### 4-Year Colleges
- Low-income share of students: 12.9%
- Low-income student success rate: 51.3%

### 2-Year Colleges
- Low-income share of students: 28.9%
- Low-income student success rate: 32.9%

* Data refers to the full college system, not just this campus. † In nearby county

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Local Demographics

- **Percent Black**: Lauderdale County 40%, Mississippi 38%, United States 40%
- **Percent Hispanic**: Lauderdale County 14%, Mississippi 2%, United States 2%
- **Percent over age 65**: Lauderdale County 3%, Mississippi 13.0%, United States 12%
- **Percent college grad**: Lauderdale County 14%, Mississippi 14%, United States 12%
- **Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)**: Lauderdale County 77, Mississippi 76, United States 81.1
- **Life expectancy (years)**: Lauderdale County 89, Mississippi 76, United States 81.3
The Local Economy
- Unemployment rate (August 2018, BLS)
- Poverty rate (2012-2016 ACS)
- Median family income (2016 ACS)
- Manufacturing share of workforce (2012-2016 ACS)
- Farming share of workforce (2012-2016 ACS)
- Great Recession unemployment spike (BLS LAUS)

How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out
- Percent graduating any college (2-yr or 4-yr, Tax Data 2, N/A for some counties)
- Percent reaching upper middle-class (top 20% of the U.S. income distribution, Tax Data 1, N/A for some counties)
- Percent achieving American Dream (share of local low-income kids—i.e. those with 25th-income-percentile parents—who reach the top 20% of the U.S. income distribution as adults, Tax Data 1, N/A for some counties)
- Percent (of local female kids) giving birth as a teen (Tax Data 1, N/A for some counties)
- Percent landing in jail (percent of local kids in jail on 1 April 2010, Tax Data 1 and 2010 Census, N/A for some counties)
- Local school expenditure per student (in public schools, NCES, N/A for some counties)

Local Colleges and Upward Mobility
- Low-income share of students (share of age-18-22 students with bottom-20% parents, Tax Data 2)
- Low-income student success rate (share of low-income age-18-22 students who reach the top 40% of the U.S. income distribution as adults, Tax Data 2)

Local Demographics
- Percent Black (2012-2016 ACS)
- Percent Hispanic (2012-2016 ACS)
- Percent over age 65 (2010 Census)
- Percent college grad (4-yr college, 2012-2016 ACS)
- Crime rate (serious violent and property arrests per 10,000 residents, FBI Uniform Crime Reports, N/A for some counties)
- Life expectancy (at age 40, Tax Data 3, N/A for some counties)
- Opioid deaths (per 10,000 residents in 2017, CDC, N/A for some counties and some counties report population weighted commuting zone average)

Sources Legend
- ACS: U.S. Census Bureau American Community Surveys, 2012-2016
- CDC: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. Multiple Cause of Death 1999-2017 on CDC WONDER Online Database.
- Census: U.S. Census Bureau